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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111(a)

Sir:

In response to the non-Final Office action mailed on April 3, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for reply that expires on July 3, 2007, please consider entry of the following amendment and remarks contained herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.